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REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In reply to the Notice of Allowance that was mailed in connection with the abovecaptioned case on December 3, 2004 and having confirmation number 9113, enclosed are:

A completed fee transmittal form PTOL-85;

A Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment; and

A check for \$1,030.00 to cover the issue fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a) of \$700.00, the publication fee of \$300.00, and the patent copy fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.19(a)(1)(i) of \$30.00 for ten patent copies.

Please note Applicants claim small entity status of this application.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Applicants note that the patent term adjustment set forth in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) mailed with the Notice of Allowance on December 3, 2004 in the above-referenced case appears to be longer than appropriate. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that, prior to issuance of this patent, the Office recalculate the patent term adjustment.

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